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ADDRESS ON MEDICAL SCIENCE.*

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BELIEVE me, it is a difficult thing for a stranger, even at your invitation, to address you on an occasion like the present. So many significant events crowd in upon him, and time for reflection is needed to weld into a connected whole the impression he would wish to offer to you. Not that the growth and doings of this University have not been followed and watched with interest by us in the Old Country. On the contrary, your activity has been felt, not only as a matter of mutual congratulation, but as a spur to arouse us to effort in our own similar pursuit of educational aims. But the stranger coming among you necessarily feels the shortcomings of his acquaintance with the details of these academic enterprises you have taken in hand. One advantage, however, is his. His view, gained from a distance, necessarily has freedom and truth of perspective that may give it a value in your eyes.

Some things lose by perspective. Some things, large when at close to hand, dwindle when viewed from afar. Not so Canada. The perspective given by the width of the Atlantic is but an appropriate setting across which to view her greatness and her far-reaching activity. And this event, this academic celebration, this *dies festus*, in your University to-day, retains from afar off all the significance of a great event. It loses no tittle of its dignity and import when viewed across ocean from the crowded

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